

Fair Tonight and Friday; Warmer.

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## NEEDHAM TO REMAIN UNTIL YEAR'S CLOSE

Trustees May Not Accept Resignation Unless G. W. U. Head Insists.

## MEMBERS OF BOARD EXPRESS REGRET

No Consideration Given to Question of Successor—Reasons for Action Set Forth.

Whether or not the trustees of the George Washington University accept the resignation of President Charles W. Needham—and there is strong reason to believe they will not accept unless he insists upon it—they will not permit him to leave the institution until the close of the present scholastic year.

The resignation of the president, presented at a meeting of the board yesterday, took the trustees completely by surprise and none of them is today prepared to say what action will be taken or when the matter will be considered. It was agreed that nothing should be said about it until Monday, when a meeting to consider the subject had been called.

The premature announcement made this morning may hurry final decision, however, and it was thought possible that some discussion of it would be had at a meeting this afternoon to consider another subject.

Trustees Are Silent. Whatever action is taken, the members of the board individually decline to discuss the situation today and intimate that they have been taken so completely by surprise that they have not yet come to a definite understanding of what can be done to conserve the interests of the university.

That the resignation from the executive chair of the university by Dr. Needham is a distinct loss to the university and to the community at large is the unanimous opinion of such of the trustees as could be persuaded to discuss that phase of the situation this morning. Former Commissioner H. B. J. Maffarland, chairman of the board, said he felt sure he voiced the sentiments of all his colleagues in declaring they had always been in complete sympathy with Dr. Needham's plans for the upbuilding of the institution, and that they regarded it as a severe blow to the university to lose his services at this time.

Surprise to Dr. Harlan. Any discussion of the probable successor of Dr. Needham is regarded as premature. The question has not been given the slightest consideration by the trustees. The name of Dr. Richard D. Harlan has been used in this connection without authority of Dr. Harlan and entirely unauthorized by any one connected with the university. The first intimation Dr. Harlan had that Dr. Needham had presented his resignation was a newspaper announcement.

Dr. Needham declined to say anything further this morning regarding the severance of his connection with the university, beyond the giving out for publication of his letter to the board of trustees. The trustees were assembled at a special meeting yesterday afternoon to consider the resignation of a committee member, a matter of routine which has been under consideration.

The committee was not ready to report, and when this announcement had been made Dr. Needham requested permission to read a letter to the board. The permission accorded, he read his letter of resignation. The president left the board room immediately on concluding the reading.

## Board Unprepared.

The board was absolutely unprepared, and not a word was spoken until the doors closed behind Dr. Needham. Then there was brief discussion, and agreement was reached that the matter should go over until Monday, when a special meeting would be held.

Dr. Needham requests the board to accept his resignation and order that some new man, who is bound by no prejudice and is thoroughly equipped as an administrator, take charge of the work of building up the institution, which he has summarized in his term of service, follows:

Letter of Resignation.

"Gentlemen: After eight years of service as president I offer my resignation of this high office. This I do from a keen sense

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## WEATHER REPORT.

The disturbances of Wednesday have passed into the Atlantic, and for the first time in two weeks the weather conditions are fairly settled over the Eastern half of the country. There were showers Wednesday in the lower Ohio valley and the South Atlantic States.

It is considerably cooler in New England, and warmer in portions of the central West, while in the South low temperatures continue.

The weather will be generally fair to light and Friday in the East and South with higher temperatures Friday in the interior.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Fair tonight; Friday fair and warmer. Moderate north to northeast winds.

TEMPERATURE.

SUN TABLE.

TIDE TABLE.

CONDITION OF THE WATER.

HARRIS FERRY, Va., April 28.

Both rivers very muddy and a little high today.

Cypress Swamp, Va., April 28.

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## GOVERNOR MARSHALL WINS IN CONVENTION

Taggart Forces Routed. Executive's Senatorial Plan Is Indorsed.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 28.—Governor Marshall's proposition, providing for the endorsement of a United States Senatorial candidate by the State Democratic convention was carried by a vote of 889 to 858 today. This was a hard blow to Thomas Taggart.

Governor Marshall's Senatorial nomination proposition, the bone of contention between two factions—one led by former National Democratic Chairman Taggart, an avowed Senatorial aspirant, who favored selection by State-wide primary to be held after the State Legislature has been elected in November and the other led by John E. Lamb, of Terre Haute, also a probable candidate under the Marshall convention nomination plan—was promptly placed before the State Democratic convention, after the delegates were called to order by Charles L. Jewett, acting temporary chairman in place of Governor Marshall.

Former Judge J. E. McCullough, of Indianapolis, opened the forty-five minute debate allotted to each side. He spoke for the Marshall plan.

John E. Lamb, of Terre Haute, threw the convention in an uproar of cheers, hissing, and catcalls when he denounced Taggartism and domination of Crawford Fairbanks, the "multimillionaire brewer." Great disorder reigned and for five minutes Lamb was not permitted to proceed.

Cries of "Taggart, Taggart" were loud and prolonged. Lamb declared he had "No personal quarrel with Taggart," but was personally opposed to Taggartism in Indiana.

The endorsement plan was opposed in speeches by Samuel Ralston, of Lebanon, and Senator Shively, who were granted respectful hearings as the riots subsided.

The majority report of the resolutions committee declares that Democracy is a conservator of property, defies alike both paternalism and communism; that that government is best that governs least; that labor and capital with equal opportunities and no special privileges. It denounces the Payne-Adams bill as a masterpiece of injustice.

Lincoln Memorial Subscribers Meet. That \$100,000 of the subscription made to the Lincoln Memorial Association in 1907 was about the total amount collected by the association was the opinion expressed by members of the committee who, with the aid of The Washington Times, have been making a search of the records of the organization's affairs.

Communications were today sent to James M. Schumacher, a son-in-law of the late General Spinner, who was treasurer of the association, to ascertain whether the general's papers contained any records of the association.

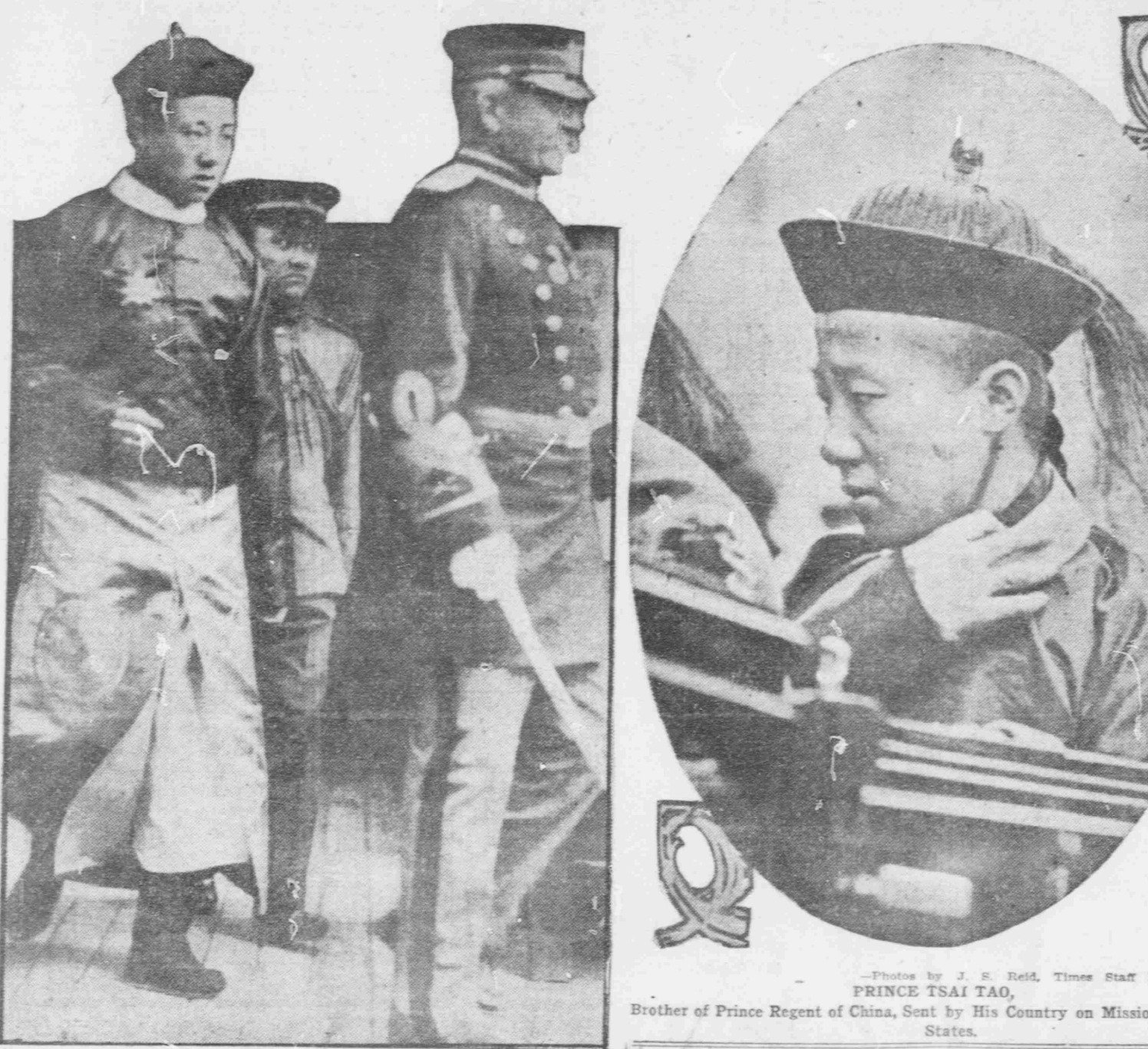
R. H. Forsyth, deputy assistant treasurer, who preserved the only subscription lists that have so far been unearthed, said he believed the story that there was no hint of a suspicion of \$100,000 had been collected to be untrue.

"The late General Spinner," said Mr. Forsyth, "was an orderly man and in a case of this kind I do not think he would have invested any of the money in any other form of security than bonds. I would not be surprised if all the money collected had been expended save the amount known to have been invested in District of Columbia bonds."

Lee McClung, Treasurer of the United States, today called a number of the older clerks of the Treasury Department to his office to find out what they know of the facts in the case.

When a number of subscribers met for plans for an investigation, there was no hint of a suspicion of \$100,000 had been collected to be untrue.

## Chinese Royalty on Official Visit to Capital



Emmissary of China and His Escort, Col. W. S. Schuyler, Leaving the New Willard on Their Way to the White House to Pay Official Visit to President Taft.

## PRINCE TSAI TAO PRESIDENT'S GUEST

Chinese Royalty Officially Welcomed on Arrival At Capital.

Prince Tsai Tao, brother of the prince regent of China, who is making a tour of the world to get ideas to be used in the reorganization of the Chinese army, is today in the city and was welcomed on his arrival at the White House by the president's Executive and his advisers usually paid to foreign visitors.

The Secretary of State called at the New Willard Hotel this morning to welcome the prince and half an hour later the Secretary of War paid his respects to the prince and his party.

Secretary of War Dickinson walked from his office to the New Willard. He told the prince, through the dispatches in conversation with the prince, that any information that the Department could give out as to the organization of military affairs in this country was at his disposal, and that the stay of the delegation in this city is likely that the prince will have several conferences with Secretary Dickinson.

Prince Calls on President. The prince with his secretary left the New Willard shortly before noon and went to the White House for a brief call on the President, and this afternoon they went to Ft. Myer and witnessed a special drill.

The party arrived at Union Station at 7 o'clock this morning and was escorted by a troop of cavalry to the New Willard, where they will make their headquarters while in Washington.

In constant attendance with the prince while in this country is Col. W. S. Schuyler, who has been detailed as aide-de-camp for the visitors.

Through Colonel Schuyler the prince sent his respects to newspaper editors, and he declared he regretted that he would be unable to see them.

Modernizing Chinese Army. Prince Tsai Tao is but twenty-five years old, and it is considered unusual that so young a man should have been chosen for so important a mission.

## RALLYING FORCES ON RAILROAD BILL

Insurgents and Democrats Offer Opposition to Every Paragraph.

Distress calls were sent out from both the Republican and Democratic whips for a large attendance of members upon the floor of the House today, when the Administration railroad bill was again called.

The tie vote of Monday, which barely saved the Commerce Court clause of the bill, served to thoroughly alarm the regulars, and every man whom Whip Dwight could reach was in his seat today. On the other hand, the Democratic whip, Representative Bell of Georgia, also sent out notices yesterday calling upon the minority members to be present, and they too were out in force.

That there is a certain insurgent element who will oppose the bill was further evidenced today as soon as the debate was resumed. Representatives of Iowa, offered an amendment which would strike out that clause in the bill providing that the Attorney General shall defend suits brought against the orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and further providing that the United States, and not the Interstate Commerce Commission, shall be named as the defendant party.

As the bill is being read by paragraph it is becoming apparent that no section will be allowed to go through without the offering of an amendment, either by the insurgents, some twelve of whom are opposed to the bill, or by the Democrats who are practically unanimous in their opposition to it.

The vote on the commerce court clause has indicated that the bill as drawn by no means certain of passage by any decided majority, and it is operating today in preparation for the vote following the closing of the debate on the several sections as they are reached.

## BROTHERS WED SISTERS IN A DOUBLE CEREMONY

Two Couples From Buckingham County, Va., Elude Reporters and Enjoy the Sights of the Capital.

Two of the happiest brothers and two of the happiest sisters in the United States today are somewhere in Washington.

## HYDE SENT TO JAIL, EXPECT TAFT TRIP

Wife Is Prostrated. Administration Friends Believe His Speeches Will Heal the Breach.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 28.—Prostrated by grief and anguish following her husband's detention because of damaging evidence against him, Mrs. Florence R. Hyde, wife of Dr. B. Clark Hyde, who is accused of murdering Col. Thomas H. Swope, was under the care of physicians and friends while her husband's trial went on today.

Mrs. Hyde spent a lonely night in her beautiful home. She walked from one room to another, heartbroken at the new misfortune which has fallen upon her since her marriage to Dr. Hyde.

Her marriage to Dr. Hyde caused the proud Swope family to snub her. She battled bravely against the affronts of her proud mother, Mrs. Logan O. Swope, and cared little for the snubs of her sisters, but when Judge Lathrop at the close of court last night declared the evidence against Dr. Hyde demanded that he be deprived of his liberty on bond, Mrs. Hyde suddenly collapsed and declared she could stand no more.

"Oh, God," she cried piously as she threw her arms around her husband's neck when a marshal stepped up to her husband to take him to jail, "and just when I need you most, dearie."

The scene was affecting and brought tears to the eyes of many. Proud old Mrs. Swope swept majestically from the court room to her waiting automobile and was taken home.

When court opened today and the doors were opened there was a rush of would-be spectators that carried the guards off their feet. The fact that Dr. Hyde had been placed under restraint acted as the magnet.

Heretofore the spectators have seen the physicians enter the courtroom with his wife. Today, pale, sad, and nervous looking, he entered the court room through the prisoners' entrance, and walked between two jail guards.

He glanced at the chair at the side of the prisoners' table—but his wife was not there. He seemed dazed.

## WIFE IS PROSTRATED TO UNIFY PARTY

Administration Friends Believe His Speeches Will Heal the Breach.

That the President's trip to New York and the West, beginning tomorrow evening, will be one of the most auspicious events in his Administration, is the prediction of those who are close to him and who say they are familiar with his plans.

These men are claiming today that he will return to Washington in May with the ranks of the insurgents broken and with the majority of them firm in their loyalty to him. His speeches, as he has outlined them, some of his friends, do not contemplate denunciation of the insurgents.

This, they say, is because of the fact that some of the insurgents, like Hiram Johnson of California, and some of the members from Iowa, have within the past few days told Mr. Taft that they were for him and his legislative program and that the tariff issue could not bother them in view of his intention to have his proposed tariff commission enable him to revise the tariff where revision is needed.

Because of these facts, it is argued, Mr. Taft will not do as Attorney General Wickham did in his Chicago speech and read all insurgents out of the party hopelessly and forever. He will give the much needed opportunity for healing the breach between the regulars and the more moderate insurgents and enable the party to present practical legislation in the coming Congressional elections.

Friends of the Administration are also claiming that, with Aldrich removed as a factor in the national situation and with the assurance that "Cannon can no longer be regarded as a possibility for the Speakership of the House," the party will have no need for dissension. The great majority of the insurgents, they always claimed that they were against Cannon and Aldrich and not against Taft.

The President, accompanied by Secretary of State Knox, will leave Washington at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening for Pittsburgh and Buffalo, and from there will go to Cincinnati and St. Louis, making speeches in all four places.

The leaders of the Congressional campaign believe that, if these speeches do not point the way to party unity, the elections will be inevitably lost next November.

## "DITTY BAG" BARRED ON COMING CRUISE

Midshipmen May Carry Suitcases and Go Ashore At Cities.

## ENGLAND APPLAUDS AVIATOR'S COURAGE, ALTHOUGH DEFEATED

Frenchman's Clever Ruse Held Responsible For His Victorious Flight.

PRIZE OF \$50,000 GOES TO PAULHAN

Guiding Course By Railway Lights He Averages 44.4 Miles An Hour.

WORLD'S GREATEST AEROPLANE RACE

Route—London to Manchester. Distance—186 miles. Prize—\$50,000.

Contestants—Louis Paulhan, Frenchman; Graham White, Englishman. Winner—Paulhan.

Time in air—4 hours and 11 minutes. Average speed—44.4 miles an hour. Stops allowed for fuel—Two.

Stops made by Paulhan—One. At Litchfield, 118 miles from London, where he spent the night.

Stops by White—At Roud, near Northampton, and at Poleworth.

LONDON, April 28.—All England is in aviation mad over the result of the record-breaking aerial derby that ended this morning when Louis Paulhan, the dare-devil Frenchman, having completed the 186-mile trip from London with but one stop, won the \$50,000 prize offered by Lord Northcliffe.

The courageous attempt of Graham White, the English entrant to overtake the Frenchman after the latter had made a better start, and his continuing the flight after being forced to descend at dark at Roud, near Northampton, have won the hearts of his countrymen quite as fully as the more successful deeds of his foreign competitor.

There is no disposition to withhold from the dashing Frenchman the laurel for the greatest performance in the history of aviation, but that a clever ruse on his part, the product of his more nimble French mind, had as much to do with the victory as his skill is the charge freely made today.

Solace for Britons. The English are trying to find solace in the thought that had White started at the same time as Paulhan, he might have won. Some of White's friends say that an actual agreement was reached between Paulhan and White yesterday morning not to start the race until today, but Paulhan denies this and White has thus far refused to confirm the report.

The Frenchmen stole a march on the Englishman in the same manner that Louis Bleriot, the Frenchman who crossed the channel, stole a march on the other Englishman, Hubert Latham, who, like White, had first tried the night and failed.

While White was waiting on the field at Wormwood Scrubs, Paulhan set off having assembled his plane without making a single inquiry as to White's plans.

White is at Poleworth, 107 miles from London, having made his second descent there at 4 o'clock this morning. He may complete the trip to Manchester just for the glory of it.

Conditions Favor Paulhan. Nearly all of the conditions of the race favored Paulhan. Not only is he a far more experienced aviator than White, but he got a start of seventy-two minutes on the Englishman. His machine was in better shape, White's having just come from the repair shop.

In addition, Paulhan used a Farman racing machine, while White's machine, also a Farman, was not of racing type. Paulhan declared today that the London-Manchester trip, 186 miles, may easily be made without a stop. "I could have done so yesterday," he said, "but for the cold and darkness. My fuel was sufficient, and the machine worked perfectly. I could have continued another hundred miles under favorable weather conditions."

The first person to greet Paulhan at Manchester was his wife, who had kissed him good-bye at Litchfield at the start of the race, and then journeyed to Manchester on a special train. Henri Farman, builder of the successful machine, was also in the crowd of 5,000 that pressed about the Frenchman when he stepped from his machine, the recognized ace of England's aviators.

Flight Is Spectacular. The flight was not only the most spectacular on record, but in many respects the most daring. Most of the flying was after dark and Paulhan and White were able to pick their course only by the lights along the railway track. The start was made in a strong wind that started the machines to wobble and dip dangerously.

None of this seemed to faze Paulhan, who has ever been noted for his recklessness. White, with characteristic British pluck, accepted the gage of battle thrown down by the Frenchman and proved himself a really great aviator by reaching Poleworth without a mishap.

The seventy minutes that Paulhan gained on White at the start was more than made up by the Englishman this morning, when he ascended at Roud at 2:34, 1 hour and 19 minutes before Paulhan resuscitated at Litchfield. He was sixty-three miles behind Paulhan at the time. His attempt to steal a march on Paulhan was of no avail, and at 4 o'clock, when still seventy-nine miles from Manchester he alighted a second